

# **Community Council Nominations**

## **March 2003**

### **Members up for Renewal**

Mary Wernke, Xpress News and Letter Perfect Communications

Bob Sweeney, Executive Director, AIM Institute

Harold Krueger, Administrator, Chadron Community Hospital

Roger Keetle, Senior Vice President, Advocacy, Nebraska Hospital Association

Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, City of South Sioux City

Mike Nolan, City Administrator, City of Norfolk

Jeanne Saathoff, Director, Kearney Public Library and Information Center

Ted Smith, Director, Norfolk Public Library

*Member renewals were approved at the January 22, 2003 Community Council meeting.*

### **New Members\***

Tim Armstrong, Economic Development/Community Relations Manager, Great Plains Communications

K.C. Belitz, President, Columbus Area Chamber

John Dale, Assistant Library Director, Lincoln City Libraries

Norene Fitzgerald, Executive Director, York County Development Corporation

Georgia Masters Keightley, Mayor, Crawford

*\*New members nominations will be approved at the March 17, 2003 Community Council meeting. Additional information on new nominees is available on the following pages.*

**Tim Armstrong**

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**OBJECTIVE: Community Council Member – Nebraska Information Technology Commission**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Self-motivated
- Excellent communication skills
- Quick learner
- Readily accept new ideas and suggestions
- Confident of my ability
- Numerous projects including business retention and expansion, new business attraction, And community development
- Ability to develop and implement business plan
- Ability to manage and supervise people
- Worked with State Senators on economic development legislation
- Testified before State Senate Committees

**EDUCATION:**

**West Harrison High School Graduate** (May, 1967)

Mondamin, Iowa

**Effective Speaking and Presentation for Today's Professional**

Presented by Dr. Donald Grandgenett, Ed.D.

**Effective Writing, Effective Listening, and Time Management**

Presented by Dr. Donald Grandgenett, Ed.D.

**Extraordinary Customer Relations**

Presented by Floyd Olson

**Computer Applications: Windows 95, MsWord, and Excel**

Presented by Kristie Hayes

**Microsoft Project 2000**

Presented by ExecuTrain

**Basic Local Area Network Course-EESCO Communications Systems, Inc.**

Presented by Tom L. Ward

**Using and Understanding the Internet**

Presented by Mark R. Truitt & Gary M. Truitt

**Heartland Economic Development Course**

In Cooperation with: University Extension, University of Missouri, Kansas Industrial Development Association, Professional Developers of Iowa, Nebraska Economic Development Association, And Oklahoma Economic Development Association, Accredited by: American Economic Development Association

**Developing Elite Performance Personal Development**

By Applied Concepts

**Improving Your Project Management Skills- American Management Association**

By American Management Association

**Skill-Building for Stronger Communities**

By Heartland Center for Leadership Development

**2002 Graduate of Economic Development Institute Course**

Presented by the University of Oklahoma

Accredited by the American Development Council Inc.

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

### **Great Plains Communications, Inc.**

(32 yrs. in communications industry; including management, marketing, sales and economic development)

08/98-Present	Economic Development Community Relations Manager for GPC
12/74-08/98	Local Manager, Ponca, NE
9/71-12/74	Assistant Manager, Bloomfield, NE
3/71-9/71	Assistant Manager, Walthill, NE

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

1998-Present	<b>Member - Kiwanis Club of Blair, NE</b>
1999-Present	<b>Nebraska Diplomat</b>
1999-Present	<b>Board Member and Congregational Chair</b> , First Christian Church Blair, NE
1998-Present	<b>Member of the Nebraska Economic Development Association</b>
1998-Present	<b>Facilitator for Community Leadership Training</b>
1998-Present	<b>Nebraska Diplomat</b>
1998-Present	<b>Sponsors board member of Nebraska Community Improvement Program</b>
1999-2002	<b>Advisory Board member-Nebraska Development Youth Network</b>
1999-2002	<b>Board of Directors for the Blair Kiwanis</b>
1997-1998	<b>Spokesman and Member of Executive Technology Planning Committee</b> <b>Ponca Public School</b>
1997-1998	<b>Co-Chairman Economic Development Committee</b> <b>Ponca Community Club</b>
1999-2000	<b>President of the Nebraska Development Network</b>
1999-2000	<b>Competitive Analysis Team Member</b>
1998-2000	<b>New Adventure Team Member – GPC</b>
1998	<b>Served as Judge for the Nebraska Community Improvement Program</b>
1998-1998	<b>Chairman of Days of 56 Rodeo Parade</b> , Ponca Community Club
1978-1998	<b>Member of Business Booster Club</b> , Ponca Community
1996-1998	<b>Board Member</b> , Tri-State Christian Church, South Sioux City, NE
1990-1992	<b>Board Member</b> , Morningside Church of Christ, Sioux City, IA
1994-1995	<b>President of Ponca Chamber of Commerce</b> , Ponca, NE
1994-1995	<b>Finance and Bldg. Committee Member</b> , Highland Oaks Golf Course
1993	<b>Chairman of Nifty 50's Celebration</b> , Ponca Community
1976-1992	<b>Volunteer Ponca Fire and Rescue</b> , Ponca Community
1985-1986	<b>Junior American Legion Baseball Coach</b> , Ponca Community
1985	<b>Co-Chairman of Finance and Building Committee</b> (built a new church) Tri-State Christian Church, South Sioux City, NE
1980-1985	<b>Cub Scout Leader</b> , Ponca Community
1984-1985	<b>Board Member</b> , Morningside Church of Christ, Sioux City, IA
1981-1984	<b>Little League Baseball Coach</b> , Ponca Community
1983-1984	<b>Host Family for foreign exchange student</b> , Student from Sweden
1980-1981	<b>Member of Adult Education Committee</b> , Ponca Public School District
1976	<b>President of Ponca Junior Chamber of Commerce</b> , Ponca Community

## REFERENCES:

<b>Dr. Donald J. Grandgenett Ed.D.</b> <i>Professor, University of Nebraska of Omaha</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>KH 522 K U. Of NE</i> <i>Nebraska Economic Development District</i> <i>Omaha, NE</i> <i>South 1<sup>st</sup> Street</i> <b>Home (402) 496-0871</b> <b>68701</b>	<b>Mick Mines</b>  <i>Huntel Systems/Mayor of Blair</i>  <i>1612 Lincoln, St.</i>  <i>Blair, NE 68008</i>  <b>Office (402) 426-6224</b>	<b>Renay Scheer</b> <i>VP, Community Development</i>  <i>Northeast</i>  <i>111</i>  <i>Norfolk, NE</i>  <b>Office (402) 379-1150</b>
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### **K.C. Belitz**

I have been President of the Columbus Area Chamber for just more than two years. Prior to that, I worked in radio broadcasting for 10 years in Columbus. I graduated from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman Univ.) in 1990 with a B.A. in Psychology. I currently serve on a number of local boards, including the Family Resource Center Inc., Columbus Community Foundation, Columbus Area United Way, and recently finished my term on the Platte County Agricultural Society Board of Directors. I am a life-long resident of Columbus, and feel a great deal of loyalty to rural Nebraska and the Columbus area.

We face significant challenges in our area in the coming decades, and without question technology is part of the answer to allow rural Nebraska to remain a viable, vibrant region. It would be my pleasure to work with the NITC to ensure availability of necessary technology to Nebraska residents and businesses.

## **RESUME**

**John F. Dale, Assistant Library Director**

### **Employment History**

#### **Lincoln City Libraries**

Assistant Library Director, January 11, 1996 to date

Temporary Assignment: Project Manager, construction of Loren Corey Eiseley and Bess Dodson Walt Branch Libraries, April 1999 through February 28, 2002.

Coordinator, Branch/Extension Division, November 15, 1984 to January 11, 1996

Branch/Extension Librarian, January 4, 1979 to November 15, 1984

Librarian I, Reference Department November 7, 1977 to January 4, 1979

Library Assistant III, Cataloging Assistant, July 18, 1977 to November 7, 1977

#### **Previous Employment**

Pastor, Red Top Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) July, 1975 to July 1977

Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Adel, Iowa September 1971 to July 1975

Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Osceola, Iowa August, 1966 to September, 1971

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Nebraska—Lincoln, February, 1963

Bachelor of Divinity, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, August 1966

Master of Arts in Library Science, University of Missouri—Columbia, May, 1977

#### **Professional Organizations and Activities, Current and Past**

Nebraska Library Association

Chair, Public Library Section of Nebraska Library Association

American Library Association

National Management Association

Ordained Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with standing

State Advisory Council for Libraries, for Nebraska Library Commission (1996—2002)

State Records Board (Two year appointment, 7/97—7/99, Three year appointment, 7/99-7/02)

## **Community Involvement**

Havelock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) member, Deacon, Elder, Moderator

Lincoln Repeater Club, President for 2003

Lincoln Amateur Radio Club President, 1989 Board Member, 1996-1997, Vice President, 1997

Member and Past President of University Place Community Organization (UPCO) 1990-1996

Member, Friends of Whitehall Mansion, Vice President 2000-2001, President 2001-2003

*[updated: 2/27/03]*

March 2003

Anne Byers  
Community Information Technology Manager  
Nebraska Information Technology Commission  
521 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2707

Dear Anne:

Please accept this letter as documentation of my interest in serving on the Community Council for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

During the 1990s I worked cooperatively with several entities to host and sponsor training opportunities (computer software; internet navigation, e-commerce, etc.) for a multi-county region before taking a position in York County in September 2001.

One of the first items to be addressed when we reorganized the committee structure of the York County Development Corporation in 2002 was the expansion of the Transportation Committee to include all areas important to the connectivity of a community. As a result, information technology was added as a very important part of this committee's mission (at this time, it is the most important portion).

Last year, the Infrastructure Committee of the York County Development Corporation collaborated with the Mayor's Committee on Information Technology (City of York) to submit a grant proposal to the University of Nebraska's Technologies Across Nebraska (TAN) initiative and Nebraska Information Technology Commission's Community Council mini grant for information technology planning. Our joint committees were awarded funds and currently continue to work through the Community Information Technology Planning and Assessment Workbook to assess the status and needs for our county. Presently, the committee is researching what other communities have done in order to increase the utilization and access to information technology.

To date, our preliminary findings indicate great opportunities for our communities and businesses are available, but for whatever reason these opportunities are not being utilized to their fullest.

As a result of the preliminary findings of the workbook responses, plans for an e-commerce training have been made and several directed workshops for business and industry are being discussed and researched by the Development Corporation.



The joint committees and the entire York County Development Corporation will be placing increased effort this year in the area of information technology not only in the area of recruitment of new business but also in the arena of existing business.

Information Technology will play a large role in the success of my organization as we seek to retain business and industry and also as we attempt to attract new business to the York County area.

If you have any questions about my interest and participation in the area of information technology, please don't hesitate to contact me at [ydcnf@alltel.net](mailto:ydcnf@alltel.net) or 402.362.3333.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my name for consideration.

Sincerely,

**Norene**

Norene Fitzgerald  
Executive Director  
York County Development Corporation  
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## **Georgia Masters Keightley**

Georgia Masters Keightley was born and raised in Crawford NE. She attended UNL for one year, completed her B.A. (honors) at Trinity College, Washington DC. She received an MA from George Washington University in Washington DC and a Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America, Washington DC. She was a tenured faculty member at Trinity College; her areas of teaching and research included religion and culture, sociology of religion, and women's studies. She served as Chair of the Theology Department and Chair of the Arts and Humanities Division. Dr. Keightley is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Catholic Theological Society of America, the College Theology Society; she has published widely in academic journals and has been invited to present many scholarly papers both here and abroad; she most recently (November 2001) presented a paper at Leuven University in Belgium. In 1998, Dr. Keightley returned to the Crawford area where she now serves as mayor. She has been active for the past four years in the Crawford Chamber of Commerce, Crawford Vision, and has worked informally to develop the tourist and economic potential on Crawford and the surrounding area. She and two other Crawford residents created the Crawford Information Technology Committee and applied for one of the NITC's mini-grants in fall 2002. With the funds received, they went on to gather data and develop a plan to bring wireless broadband service to the area via an application for a USDA Community Connectivity Grant in November 2002.

In May 2002 Governor Johanns appointed Dr. Keightley to serve on the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. As part of this work, she organized a series of workshops, seminars and classes in conjunction with the Women's Business Center of the Center for Rural Affairs for the women of the northern Panhandle area. The Pine Ridge Small Business Association, a local REAP group, was established in Crawford in January 2003; Dr. Keightley is presently working with local banks and businesses to establish a \$25,000 revolving loan fund for the PRSBA. As a member of the Women Under the Law Committee of the NCSW, she is working to organize a series of panel discussions of the legal rights of rural women for the Panhandle district she represents.